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1. SOVIET TREATMENT OF TWO HIGH-LEVEL PORTUGUESE VISITORS THIS

WEEK INDICATES THAT THE SOVIET DESIRE TO ENHANCE THEIR CONTACTS AND INFLUENCE WITH THE LEADERSHIP IN LISBON IS OUTWEIGHING ANY CONCERN THEY MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THE RISK OF HIGH SOVIET VISIBILITY IN THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION.

2. AFM MEMBER COSTA MARTINS IS GETTING ATTENTION FAR IN EXCESS OF WHAT THE SOVIETS WOULD DEVOTE TO AN ORDINARY LABOR MINISTER. HE WAS RECEIVED BY KOSYGIN ON MARCH 26, AND THE PAGE ONE PRAVDA ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING NOTED--MOST UNUSUALLY--THAT KOSYGIN HAD EXPRESSED "IN THE NAME OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP" SOLIDARITY WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF THE ARMED FORCE MOVEMENT TO BUILD A NEW DEMOCRATIC PORTUGAL. COSTA MARTINS' GUIDED TOURS IN MOCOW AND LENINGRAD HAVE BEEN REPORTED DAILY IN THE SOVIET PRESS.

3. PRAVDA MARCH 28 REPORTED A MEETING IN MOSCOW BETWEEN PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY O. PATO AND CPSU SECRETARY KATUSHEV. THE PRAVDA ACCOUNT WAS HEAVY ON SOVIET SOLIDARITY WITH THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS, THOUGH IT ALSO GAVE A NOD TO THE UNITY OF THE LEFT (BY NOTING SOVIET SOLIDARITY WITH "ALL THE DEMOCRATS OF PORTUGAL") AND TO THE AFM. KATUSHEV IS THE CPSU SECRETARY WHO NORMALLY HANDLES RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST PARTIES IN POWER, AND THE SOVIET PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE MEETING SEEMS CERTAIN TO SPUR SPECULATION IN THE WEST ABOUT JUST WHAT STAGE THE SOVIETS THINK THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION HAS REACHED. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT CPSU SECRETARY PONOMAREV, WHO WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO MEET PATO, IS ON LEAVE; ONE OF PONOMAREV'S DEPUTIES, SHAPOSHNIKOV, DID SIT IN ON THE MEETING.)

4. WHATEVER PUBLIC SIGNALS THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE INTENDED TO CONVEY, IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM THE TWO VISITS THAT THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO FURTHER THEIR CONTACTS AND INFLUENCE WITH THE TWO LEADING FORCES IN PORTUGAL. THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF THE LOCAL SITUATION FOLLOWING THE COUP ATTEMPT AND TO GET A READING ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF THE AFM.

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